

CLASP: Polarization calibration to reach the 0.1% polarization sensitivity in the VUV range

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1) Scientific motivation

The polarization created by scattering processes and atomic population imbalance is expected to be sensitive to the magnetic field strength and orientation via the Hanle effect.

Simulated polarization profiles (Stokes Q/U) and for different azimuth angles of the magnetic field vector, along the Sun limb (Trujillo Bueno 2003).

2) Polarimetry

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$$\begin{pmatrix} I' \\ Q' \\ U' \\ V' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos 2\alpha & \sin 2\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \sin 2\alpha & \cos 2\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I \\ Q \\ U \\ V \end{pmatrix}$$
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3) Light-source for polarization calibration

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Light-source vacuum chamber CLASP spectropolarimeter

source is almost perfectly linearly polarized (>99%) at the center of the arc with similar FWHM as CLASP.

4) Polarization calibration: Tolerance and accuracy

The **response matrix** needs a 10^6 accuracy, and since it is determined from the polarization measurement, the same accuracy is needed on the demodulated Q/I and U/I .

The major term is defined as the measured Q/I for $\alpha=0^\circ$ or $\alpha=90^\circ$ input, whereas the minor term is defined for the measured Q/I for $\alpha=45^\circ$ or $\alpha=135^\circ$ input, which is a 10^6 level.

The accuracy on the major term decreased to the 10^{-6} level, with spatial/temporal summation (reducing photon noise) but the accuracy on the minor term is limited to 10^{-4} . This is due to a small decrease of the exposure time, affecting the minor terms.

The minor terms cannot be used to determine the **azimuth angle**.

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With this method, the limited accuracy of the minor term only affect the accuracy of the **scale** and **azimuth** terms.

Measurements were performed for **four orientations** of the light-source and a half-waveplate was also used after the LS polarizer to change the polarization input of the LS. For each LS position, a **15 minutes** measurement was recorded for each of the **16 positions** of the half-waveplate, resulting in **4x(4xQ+U+Q-U) input per LS position**.

As a result, the unprecedented accuracy at the 0.01% level on the **response matrix** terms was achieved. The tolerance required on the **scale** and **azimuth** terms was also successfully achieved.

This poster presentation only scratched the surface of CLASP polarization calibration; many other measurements were also performed (without half-waveplate for comparison, with quarter waveplate to check cross-talks from Stokes V, etc.) during the extensive experiments. The reader is invited to read the detailed article for more information, which will be submitted soon (G.Giono et al. 2015).

LS pos	α_1	α_2	α_3	α_4	α_5	α_6	α_7	α_8	α_9	α_{10}	α_{11}	α_{12}	α_{13}	α_{14}	α_{15}	α_{16}
Q-LS input	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
U-LS input	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
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Major	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
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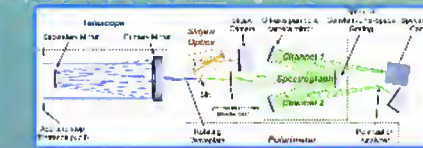


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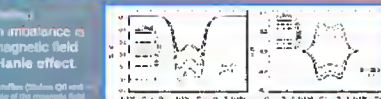
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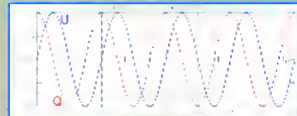

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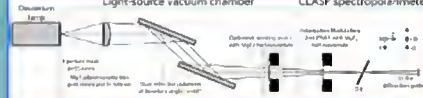
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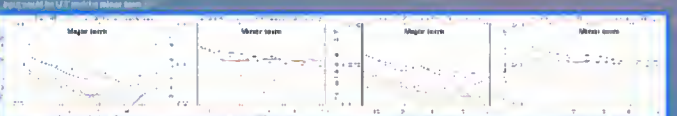
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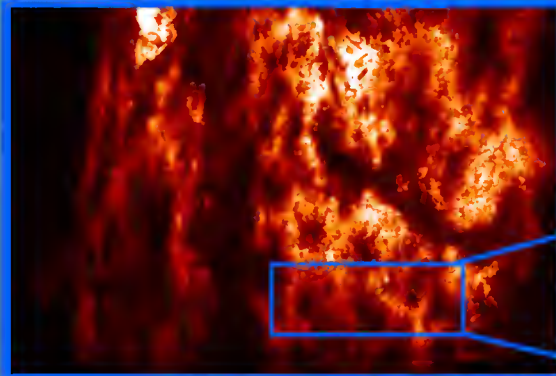
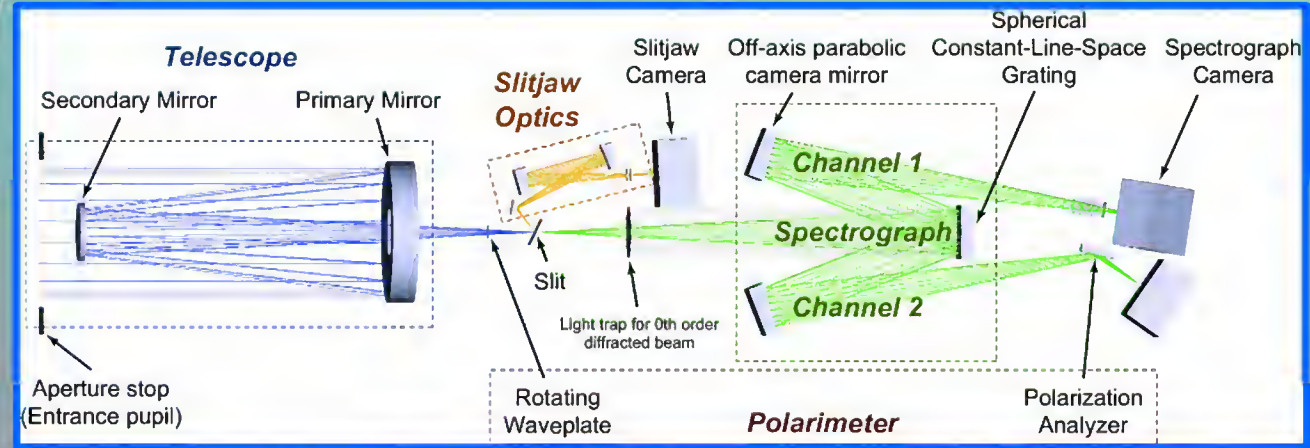
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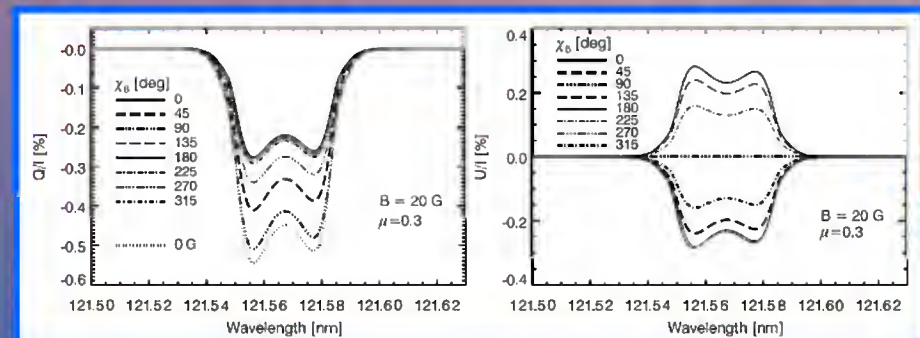
VAULT sounding-rocket observed the Lyman-Alpha line from the chromosphere with a 0.33 arcsecond resolution in 2002



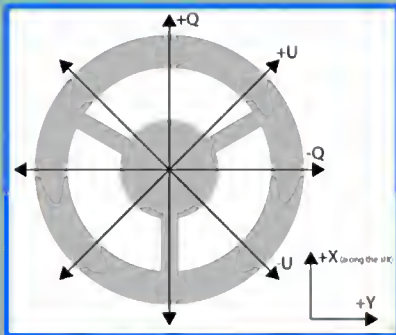
Thread structure of $\sim 10''$ length and $\sim 1''$ width

The polarization created by scattering processes and atomic population imbalance is expected to be sensitive to the magnetic field strength and orientation via the **Hanle effect**.

Simulated polarization profiles (Stokes Q/I and U/I) for different azimuth angle of the magnetic field vector, close to the limb. (Trujillo Bueno 2011)



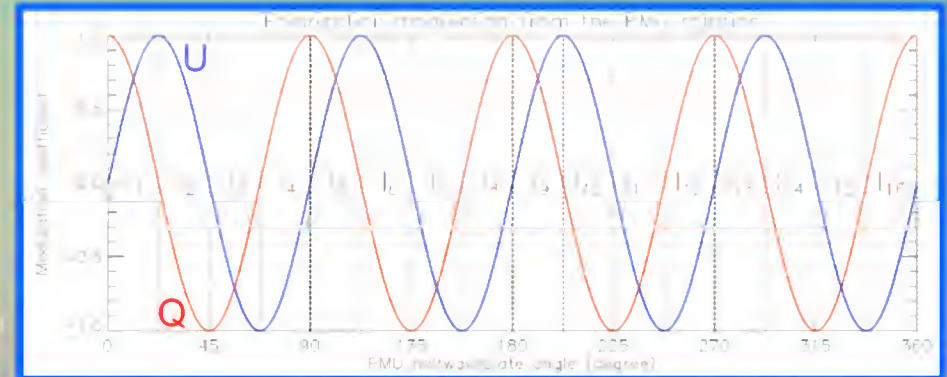
2) Polarimetry



CLASP performs polarimetric measurement using a **rotating half-waveplate** located in the Polarization Modulation Unit (PMU). The PMU triggers the CCDs for exposure every **300ms** (**22.5°** continuous rotation of the half-waveplate).

Stokes parameters definition as seen from the entrance aperture

Modulation of Stokes parameters for one full PMU rotation (channel 2)



The polarization signal can be **demodulated** by combining consecutive exposures:

$$\frac{Q'}{I'} = \frac{\pi}{2} \left(\frac{I_1 - I_2 - I_3 + I_4}{I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4} \right) \quad \frac{U'}{I'} = \frac{\pi}{2} \left(\frac{I_1 + I_2 - I_3 - I_4}{I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4} \right)$$

However, deviation from such ideal case have to be represented with the instrument **response matrix**:

Checked to be negligible

$$\begin{pmatrix} I' \\ Q' \\ U' \\ V' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_{10} & x_{20} & x_{30} \\ x_{01} & x_{11} & x_{21} & x_{31} \\ x_{02} & x_{12} & x_{22} & x_{32} \\ x_{03} & x_{13} & x_{23} & x_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I \\ Q \\ U \\ V \end{pmatrix}$$

reduced to

$$\begin{pmatrix} Q'/I' \\ U'/I' \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} q' \\ u' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{01} & x_{11} & x_{21} \\ x_{02} & x_{12} & x_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ q \\ u \end{pmatrix}$$

Core response matrix is composed of the **spurious polarization**, **scale errors** and **azimuth errors**.

Stokes V not important for CLASP

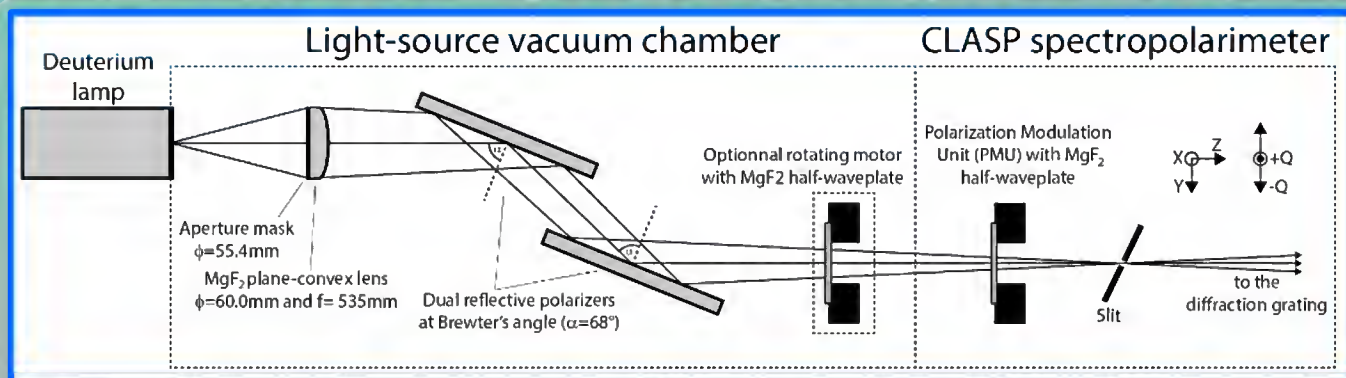
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3) Light-source for polarization calibration

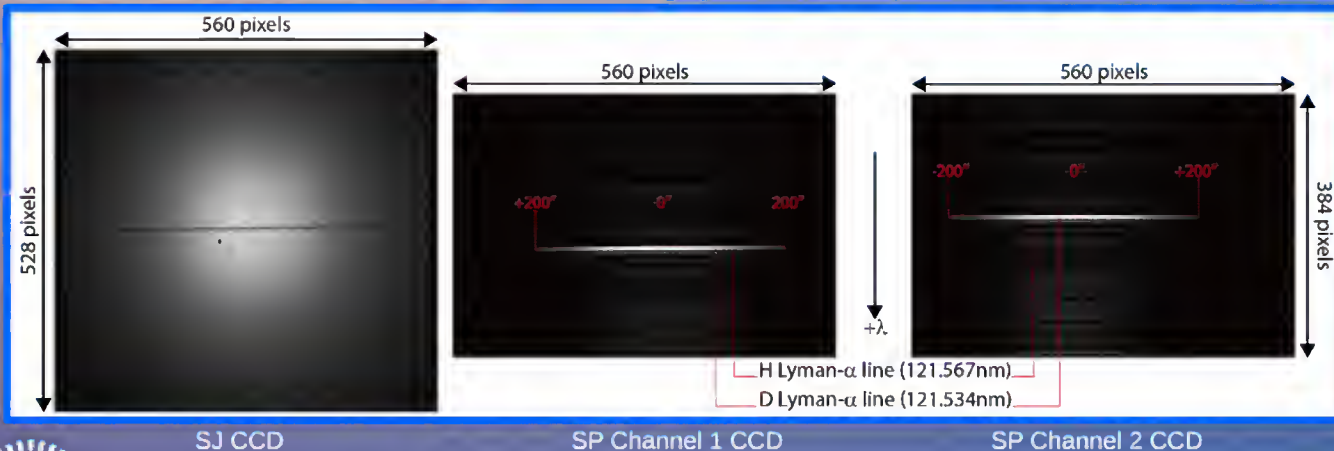
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Light source conceptual design.

Light source inside and outside the CLASP Spectropolarimeter.



Typical image recorded by the three CCDs for a LS illumination at the center of the slit.



This light-source can produce a almost perfectly linearly polarized beam (>99%) at the center of the spot, with similar F# as CLASP telescope.

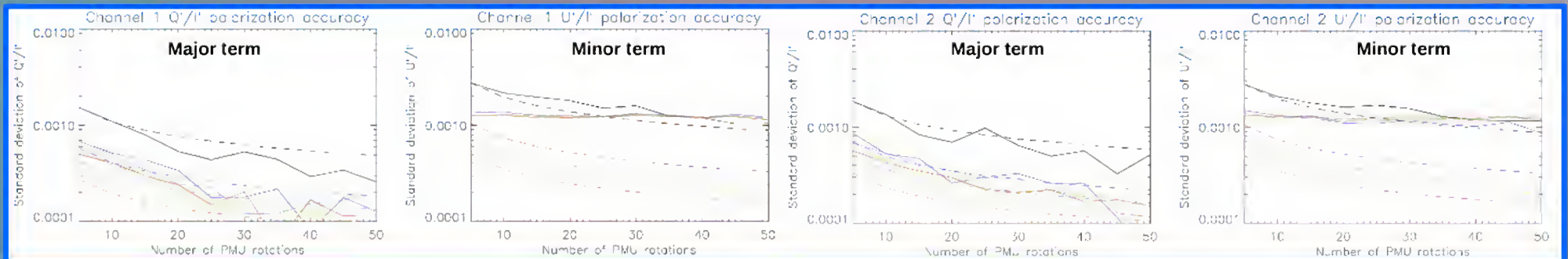
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The **major term** is defined as the measured Q'/I' for a +Q or -Q input, whereas the **minor term** would be the measured U'/I' for the same input. Consecutively, the **major term** for a +U or -U input would be U'/I' and the **minor term** Q'/I' .

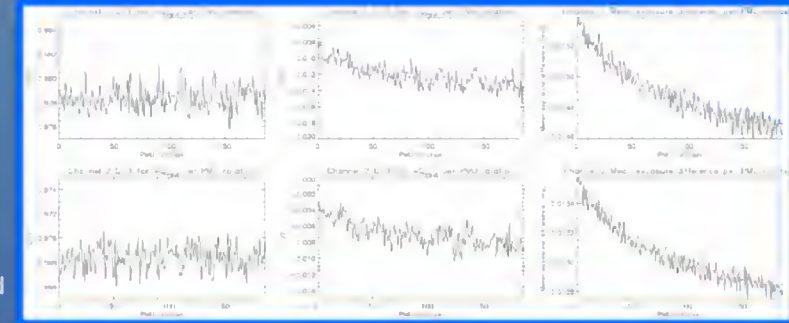


Measured Q'/I' and U'/I' for both channel for a +Q input, as a function of PMU rotation (16 exposures) stacking. Solid line shows different number of pixel summing along the slit: 1 (black), 7 (purple), 13 (blue), 19 (green), 25 (orange), 31 (red). Dash line shows the theoretical curve when considering only photon noise. +/- 4 pixels were summed in spectral direction around the D line.

The accuracy on the **major term** decreased to the 10^{-4} level, with spatial/temporal summation (reducing photon noise) but the accuracy on the **minor term** is limited to 10^{-3} . This is due to a small decrease of the exposure time, affecting the **minor terms**.

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Example with major term, minor term and exposure difference for both channel

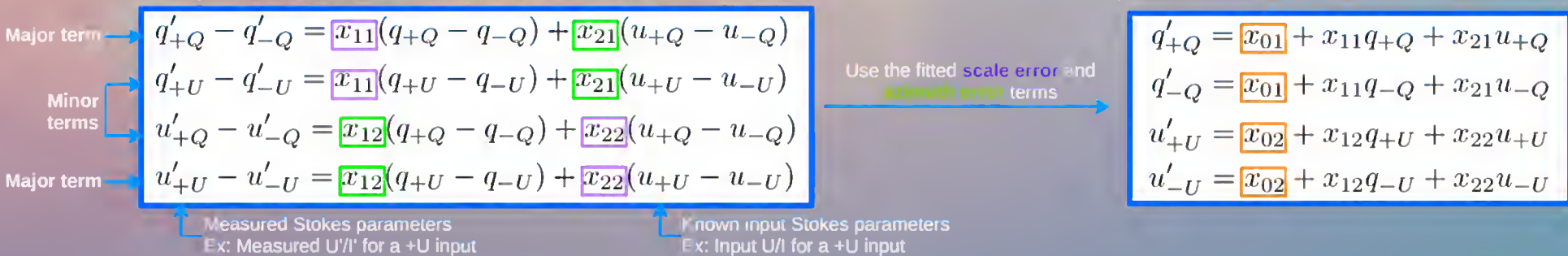


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To avoid the contamination of the minor term accuracy to the **spurious polarization** accuracy, two independent least square fitting were used to retrieve the matrix elements.

First fitting. Combining measurement to remove the effect of the **spurious polarization**

Second fitting. Determine the **spurious polarization** using only the major terms.



With this method, the limited accuracy of the **minor term** only affect the accuracy of the **scale** and **azimuth** terms.

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Channel 1	x_{01}	x_{11}	x_{21}	x_{02}	x_{12}	x_{22}
+Q LS input	0.00198	0.97639	0.01238	-0.00046	-0.01182	0.97618
+U LS input	0.00219	0.97649	0.00890	-0.00037	-0.00846	0.97620
-Q LS input	0.00223	0.97735	0.00836	-0.00030	-0.00812	0.97708
-U LS input	0.00204	0.97573	0.00599	-0.00040	-0.00667	0.97555
Mean	0.00211	0.97649	0.00891	-0.00038	-0.00877	0.97625
Error (+/-)	0.00013	0.00086	0.00347	0.00008	0.00305	0.00082
Tolerance	0.00017	0.02000	0.01000	0.00017	0.01000	0.02000

Each line is obtained with the fitting method on the 16 measurements recorded for the given LS position.

Channel 2	x_{01}	x_{11}	x_{21}	x_{02}	x_{12}	x_{22}
+Q LS input	-0.00203	0.97123	0.00757	0.00042	-0.00707	0.97103
+U LS input	-0.00232	0.97027	0.00534	0.00051	-0.00496	0.96998
-Q LS input	-0.00198	0.97103	0.00807	0.00037	-0.00777	0.97091
-U LS input	-0.00211	0.97073	0.00059	0.00055	-0.00115	0.97037
Mean	-0.00211	0.97081	0.00539	0.00046	-0.00524	0.97057
Error (+/-)	0.00021	0.00055	0.00480	0.00009	0.00409	0.00059
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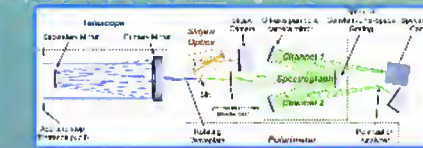
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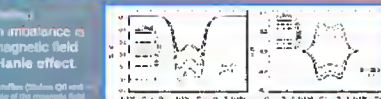
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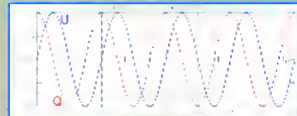

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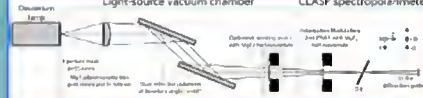
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